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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: ELECTRONIC APPARATUS, NETWORK SYSTEM, RELAY
APPARATUS, AND STATUS CONTROL METHOD
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 21 pages, including 6 independent claims and 13 claims total.
2. Drawings- 5 sheets of formal drawings containing 6 figures. (Figures 1-5B).
3. Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2002-188444, filed June 27, 2002.
4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 1 document attached.
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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Application No. 2002-188444, filed June 27, 2002.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

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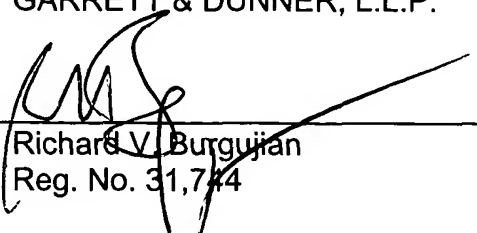
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